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the floor, I like to hear both sides of debate before I make a decision on how I want to vote.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me ask you if I heard you correctly when you were interrogating me with that one question. Was your interrogation based on what you called your belief in the committee system?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I believe in the committee system as a method of determining what bills should come to the floor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And did you indicate that it should not be too easy to bring bills from committee...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that had been killed by the committee?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I think it shouldn't be...you know, we could turn around and introduce an amendment to make ten votes to get it to the floor. But I think we need to have some protection.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this amendment that I'm offering does not go counter to what your interest, as you expressed it, is, does it?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, it doesn't, that's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, will you support it, based on what you said is your interest?

SENATOR VRTISKA: In...in answer to your question, as I said before, I like to hear all the discussion before I make a commitment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To determine whether what you expressed as your interest is really your interest?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You're welcome.